processing for creating value addition in agriculture. The Plan also lays special emphasis to the employment generation programmes in the rural areas.

Autonomy to Cooperative Sector

1545. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to give more autonomy to the cooperative sector in the changed circumstances;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up a National Cooperative Bank, an apex body for the cooperative banking sector;

(c) what is the proposal of Government with regard to giving more autonomy to the cooperatives in different fields;

(d) whether any committee was formed to go into the matter if so, whether it has submitted its report; and

(e) by when Government are going to implement the report, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Cooperation being a State subject, the Central Government may only initiate steps for policy formulation. The major steps, including the reformulation of their Cooperative Societies Acts in the direction of giving autonomy to cooperatives will have to be taken by the State Governments. However, Government of India have decided to formulate National Policy of Cooperatives. A Committee known as the Committee on "Model Cooperatives Act" was set up by the Planning Commission. The Committee submitted its report which has been circulated to the State Governments for follow up action. The Central Government have initiated steps to reformulate the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 to give a lead to the State Governments to reformulate their cooperative legislations.

Setting up a National Technology Development Corporation

1546. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Technology Development Corporation for commercial transfer of technology developed at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research; and

(b) if so, what are the objectives of the proposed National Technology Development Corporation with details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) A proposal to constitute a separate Autonomous Body for commercialisation of agriculture technology/products is under consideration.

Subsidy given to Agricultural Sector

1547. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state what is the total amount of subsidy given per annum to agricultural sector through fertilizer, irrigation, electricity and food?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): Sector-wise subsidies are decided by the Ministry of Finance taking a macro view of the economy. The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the Sabha.

बाढ़ नियंत्रण और सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए मध्य प्रदेश को केन्द्रीय सहायता

1548. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
चौधरी हरि सिंह:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश को सिंचाई तथा बाढ़ नियंत्रण परियोजनाओं के लिए गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रतिवर्ष कितनी-कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई;

(ख) क्या राज्य सरकार ने उक्त राशि का पूरा उपयोग कर लिया है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

होप्स का उत्पादन

1549. **श्री सुशील बरोंगपा:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: